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Amendment dated May 9, 2005
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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the paragraph of the Abstract beginning on page 25, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

~~A multiple impact adapter for a hammer tool is provided for permitting the hammer tool to be used to drive an object with multiple impacts on the object, and includes a shroud for removably mounting on the hammer tool, and having a forward end and a rearward end, and a bore being formed through the upper shroud between the forward and rearward ends. The shroud has a rear portion located at the rearward end of the shroud for removably receiving a portion of the hammer device, and a front portion located forward of the rear portion. A drive punch is positioned in the bore of the shroud with a rear section for being impacted by the reciprocating impact member of the hammer tool and a forward end for impacting an object to be driven. A guide bushing extends forwardly from the shroud, with a forward end and a rearward end. A channel extends through the guide bushing between the forward and rearward ends for receiving a portion of the object to be driven. The guide bushing is slidably mounted on the front portion of the shroud such that the guide bushing is movable between an extended position and a retracted position.~~

The multiple-impact adapter for a hammer tool includes a shroud for removably mounting on the hammer tool. A bore is formed through the shroud between the ends. The shroud has front portion and a rear portion for removably receiving a portion of the hammer device. A drive punch is positioned in the bore for being impacted by the hammer tool and a forward end for impacting an object to be driven. A guide bushing extends forwardly from the shroud. A channel extends through the bushing for receiving a

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portion of the object to be driven. The guide bushing is slidably mounted on the front portion of the shroud such that the guide bushing is movable between an extended position and a retracted position.